Of the 163 Priority Agenda Items/Thrust Areas, 31 items are to be monitored by the Prime Minister with the assistance of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation and remaining 132 items through Committee of Secretaries. Thrust Areas requiring involvement of multiple agencies and participation of various State Government authorities are expedited through coordination meetings at higher levels. In some thrust Areas, Group of Ministers monitors to expedite the concurrence and views of the participating agencies.

Self-employment Schemes

323. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes to provide self-employment for the unemployed youths from the year 1998-2003;

(b) the number of unemployed youths who have been able to enjoy self-employment opportunities during these years;

(c) the percentage of the youths enjoying benefits ou,t of the total number of unemployed youths; and

(d) the plan to provide market for the goods that would be produced by the unemployed youths through self-employment benefits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Government is implementing various self-employment schemes, benefits of which are also available to the unemployed youth. Some of these are Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Swarna Jayanti shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJS.RY), Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) and Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP).

(b) and (c) Information on percentage and age of beneficiaries under the self-employment schemes is not compiled.

(d) Tenth Plan envisages strengthening of market linkages for the products of self-employed by setting up rural *haats* and positioning the products through KVIC outlets, State Emporia and Handlooms and Handicrafts Trade Fairs. In addition, a new Model for marketing of village & Small Industry (VSI) products is also proposed in the Tenth Plan.